

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

702 KAR 5:080, Bus drivers' qualifications, responsibilities, and training

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.160, 189.540, 49 CFR 382.101 to 382.605

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** The current regulation requires that school bus drivers undergo medical examinations to include tests for tuberculosis upon initial employment.

The staff from the Kentucky Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program in the Department for Public Health requested that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) amend 704 KAR 4:020 to bring it into conformity with its "Protocol for Tuberculosis" (See other staff note regarding 704 KAR 4:020). This proposed amendment brings 702 KAR 5:080 into compliance as well.

Other changes to the regulation have been made to reflect current practice, organizational structure, and documentation references.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Safe and healthy school environments are a necessary component for academic success. A school's overall environment has an impact on student achievement, and the health and welfare of all students, teachers and staff.

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